

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for taking time to discuss the case and the rejections with Applicant's attorney on September 26, 2007. The amendments to the drawings and the remarks presented herein are consistent with the proposals discussed during the telephonic interview.

In the Ex Parte Quayle Action, mailed September 6, 2007, all of the claims were found to be allowable. However, the drawings were objected to for failing to adequately represent one of the recited claim limitations. By this paper Figure 3 has been amended to include explicit reference to the claim limitation in question and to fix a minor typographical error.

The Specification has also been amended to provide consistency with the amendment to Figure 3, by including reference to element 301 within the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 27. This paragraph has also been amended to fix a minor typographical error. No new matter is being introduced by the amendments to the Drawings and Specification, inasmuch as these amendments are clearly supported by the disclosure found in at least pages 6 & 27 of the Specification.

"Figure 3 is a flow diagram generally representing the steps taken to run a simulation and produce a financial plan..." (Page 6, ll. 8-9). One of the disclosed embodiments related to the running of the simulation includes 'selectively disabling and enabling objects.' (Page 27, ll. 3-4). The act or step corresponding to the selective disabling/enabling of objects is further described on page 27 as sometimes disabling all objects hierarchically dependent upon a disabled object. (Page 27, ll. 16-23). Accordingly, by amending the diagram shown in Figure 3 to include the element of 'selectively disabling/enabling objects', the Figures reference and show every feature of the invention, including the limitation in question regarding the disabling of objects, and particularly when viewed in combination with the supporting disclosure of page 27.

The foregoing amendments and supporting disclosure, which were discussed with the Examiner over the phone, was generally found to overcome the rejections of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

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In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 801-533-9800.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Fig. 3 with the revised Fig. 3 which is included in the Appendix following page 3 of this paper. A "Replacement" Fig. 3 as well as an "Annotated" Fig. 3 are been included.